

**Chambers of District Judge Aleta Arthur Trauger**

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**Aleta Arthur Trauger**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Cornell Col 1968 BA;  
Vanderbilt 1972 MAT, 1976 JD  
Began Service: December 1, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Vanderbilt University School of Law (1986-1988); Teacher, England and Tennessee (1970-1973); Legal Counsel, College of Charleston (1984-1985)

**Government:** Chief of Staff, Office of the Metropolitan Mayor, City of Nashville, Tennessee (1991-1992); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Tennessee and Northern District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1977-1982)

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (1993-1998)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Barrett, Brandt & Barrett P.C. (1976-1977); Associate, Hollins, Wagster & Yarbrough (1983-1984); Counsel & Partner, Wyatt, Tarrant, Combs, Gilbert & Milom (1985-1991)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Cornell College Board of Trustees; Federal Judges Association; International Women's Forum; Lawyers' Association for Women-Marion Griffin Chapter; Nashville Bar Association; Nashville Bar Foundation; National Association of Women Judges; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Foundation; Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women; Vanderbilt University School of Law National Council

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**Chambers of District Judge William J. Haynes, Jr.**

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**William J. Haynes, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: St Thomas Aquinas 1970 BA; Vanderbilt 1973 JD  
Began Service: November 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Instructor, Southeastern Paralegal Institute (1986-1990); Lecturer on Law, Vanderbilt University School of Law (1987-1998)

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Tennessee (1973-1977); Senior Assistant Attorney General, State of Tennessee (1977-1978); Deputy Attorney General, Antitrust and Consumer Protection Division, State of Tennessee (1978-1984); Special Deputy Attorney General for Litigation, State of Tennessee (1984); District Attorney General, State of Tennessee (1979)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (1984-1999)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation; Nashville Bar Foundation; Tennessee Bar Foundation

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**Chambers of Senior Judge Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr.**

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**Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Vanderbilt 1952 BA, 1954 JD;  
Virginia 1990 LLM  
Began Service: August 25, 1978  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Law School, Vanderbilt University

**Academic:** Lecturer, Business Law, University of Tennessee (1959-1960); Faculty, Southeastern Paralegal Institute (1981-1991)

**Government:** State Representative Thomas A. Wiseman (TN), Tennessee House of Representatives (1964-1968); Treasurer, State of Tennessee (1971-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1956-1963); Partner, Haynes, Wiseman & Hull (1963-1971); Partner, Chambers & Wiseman (1974-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1954-1956)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Tennessee Bar Foundation

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**Chambers of Senior Judge John T. Nixon**

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**John T. Nixon**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Harvard 1955 AB; Vanderbilt 1960 LLB  
Began Service: 1980

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** City Attorney, State of Tennessee (1962-1964); Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice (1964-1969); Staff Attorney, Office of the Comptroller, State of Tennessee (1971-1976)

**Judicial:** Judge, Tennessee Circuit Court (1977-1978); Judge, General Sessions Court (1978-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1960-1962); Private Practice (1969-1971); Private Practice (1976-1977)

**Chambers of Senior Judge John T. Nixon continued**

**Military Service:** United States Army (1958)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Nashville Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Juliet Griffin**

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**Juliet Griffin**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Oberlin 1971 BA; Tennessee 1978 JD  
Began Service: 1995

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (1978-1980)

**Government:** Clerk, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (1985-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Middle Tennessee (1980-1985)

**Current Memberships:** Lawyers Association for Women; Nashville Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Catherine Summers** ..... (615) 736-5164  
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Education: Notre Dame 1988 BA; Indiana 1991 JD  
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Education: Western Kentucky 1980 BS

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Joe B. Brown**

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**Joe B. Brown**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Vanderbilt 1962 BA, 1965 JD  
Began Service: August 3, 1998  
Term Expires: August 2, 2006

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Richard M. Nixon Administration (1971-1981); United States Attorney, Middle District of Tennessee, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1981-1991); Special Assistant, United States Trustee (1991-1998)

**Judicial:** Military Judge (1969-1971)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1965-1971); United States Army Reserve (1971-1992)

**Current Memberships:** Kentucky Bar Association; Nashville Bar Association

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**E. Clifton Knowles**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Vanderbilt 1973 BA; Tennessee 1979 JD  
Began Service: 2000  
Term Expires: 2008

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable George Edwards, United States Court of Appeal Sixth Circuit (1978-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Associate and Partner, Bass, Berry & Sims (1979-1999)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Nashville Bar Association; Nashville Bar Foundation; Tennessee Bar Association

**Staff**

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